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THE * COMET.

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If the Boers capture all the wind-mills Buller is a gonorr.

Buller may have feinted in his last attack on the Boers, but his men did not—they died.

It is stated that Taylor will not recede, but there is nothing to indicate that he will not recede.

It does not matter whether Bob Taylor buys a home in Knoxville or in Texas he will continue to live in the hearts of his countrymen.

The latest news from South Africa is that the Boers made a brilliant dash at Dastard's Nek. Poor British—they get it in the neck every time.

The old maids will be here on the 29th inst. to entertain our people. Although they have been deserted thus far in life, don't forget them on this occasion.

Adj. Gen. Corbin, who gained some notoriety during the war with Spain, through being Alger's tool in carrying out the several schemes devised for the humiliation of Gen. Miles, as well as by lobbying during the last congress for legislation to give himself the rank of major general, is again playing the role of lobbyist for the same purpose. He gave an elaborate Sunday dinner at a suburban club house to twenty-odd members of the house, including the military committee. As Secretary Root also attended the dinner it is assumed that he is helping the effort of Corbin for promotion.

It is only by the magnanimity of Senator Allen that today's Congressional Record does not place the senate on record as sympathizing with the Boers and believing that this government should offer mediation. Senator Allen offered a resolution to that effect, and through the absence of some senators and indifference of others, it was put before the senate and declared adopted without a dissenting vote. As soon as they realized what had been done the administration senators flocked upon the floor. The yeas and nays were demanded, but Mr. Allen objected, and the objection was sustained. Later Senator Allen good-naturedly agreed that the vote should be reconsidered and the resolution sent to the calendar.

Notwithstanding the indignation denials on the floor of the house by Gen. Grosvenor and other administration men, of the charge made by Roberts, that Utah polygamists had been appointed to Federal offices by Mr. McKinley, the house committee on post offices, which has been investigating, now has to report to the house that Postmaster Graham of Provo, had an indictment for polygamy hanging over him when he was appointed. In order to soften this proof of the charge of Roberts the committee accompanies it with a statement from the prosecuting attorney of Salt Lake City saying that for various reasons it is not likely that Graham will be brought to trial under that indictment. It is probable that the wishes of the McKinley administration are among those "reasons" for not trying to convict the polygamist postmaster.

The democratic substitute for the republican gold standard is short and plain. It was introduced by Senator Jones, of Arkansas, and it provides for the opening of the mints of the United States to the coinage of silver as provided by the act of Jan. 18, 1837, upon the same terms and subject to the limitations and provisions of law regulating the coinage and legal tender quality of gold; and that when the silver coins shall be received into the treasury certificates shall be issued for them as now prescribed by law. Unfortunately the republicans have the votes to pass the gold standard bill, Chandler being the only republican who will vote against it, but the substitute will give the democrats an opportunity to record their votes in favor of "the dollar of our daddies." The vote will be taken on Thursday of this week.

YOUR ATTENTION.
We want the attention of the farmers and the friends of farmers for a few moments. "There's millions in it" for some one. The COMET wants to make the most popular farmer in Washington, Carter and Union counties a present of a mowing machine and we propose to let the people decide the matter in the following manner: Every one who pays a dollar upon subscription, either old or new subscribers, will receive a certificate that will entitle the holder to cast 20 votes in the contest. A ballot box will be kept and the vote counted weekly by disinterested parties and the result announced in THE COMET each week. The contest will close May 25th, 1900, and the lucky party may go to work with the machine. The mower is now on exhibition at the Palace Livery Stable in this city. It is one of the latest improved and most thoroughly up-to-date machines on the market. It is the light running Jones Chain Mower manufactured by the Plano Manufacturing Company of Chicago, the largest manufacturers in the world.

This is not a Kentucky contest; the man who gets the most votes wins. You can vote early and often. If you don't want the machine vote for a friend who does. You get your money's worth and your friend gets the best mower on earth. Start the ballot.

Imperialism is the real question involved in the Porto Rican tariff bill. It makes one of the issues upon which this year's presidential campaign will be waged. The republicans in their report on this bill, which imposes a 25 per cent duty on Porto Rican products, have come out flat-footed in favor of ignoring the constitution, and of having congress assume the authority to deal with the territory recently acquired by the United States as colonies, and with their people as subjects. The democrats contend that the constitution is the supreme law of this republic, and that it recognizes neither colonies nor subjects; that every foot of land belonging to the United States is a part of the United States, and every resident of territory belonging to the United States a citizen. The imperialists have the votes to win in congress, but it remains to be seen whether they can win before the people.

TRANSIT METEORS.
A press censor in Kentucky would help to maintain the peace.—Nashville American.

The Kentucky groundhog wisely cancelled his engagement for this year.—Knoxville Sentinel.

Count Boni Castellane owns 10,000 pairs of breeches. He is determined that Anna shall not wear all of them.—Commercial-Appeal.

The Boers claim to have sufficient ammunition to last them three years. The only question is, will their targets last that long?—Knoxville Sentinel.

After hibernating for a few months, the Knoxville and Bristol railroad is working its toes and feeling of itself to see if it is still alive. It ought to live, for it has not paid the funeral expenses in Sullivan county yet.—Bristol Courier.

Under the title of "Echoes," the chief speeches and selections from the lectures of Hon. Bob Taylor of Tennessee have just been published. The volume will be used as a text book in all the singing schools of the state. The confectioners, the pastry cooks, the florists, the musicians, the bird-store keepers, the dealers in artists' materials and all students of sound, color, sweetness and fragrance will rush for "Echoes." It is a fiddle and a flower, a stole of purple and a vase of myrrh; a miniature edition of Bob.—New York Sun.

Brownlow.
When last heard from the congressman from the First district was still storming the breastworks of the treasury at Washington, asking for any old thing from a \$700,000 soldiers' home at Johnson City and \$150,000 public building at Greeneville, to a job as mail carrier in rural delivery. One thing in the distinguished Wat's career is already fixed. He will never be accused of modesty. He operates on the principle, "If you don't see what you want ask for it." As a persistent, peripatetic, periodic and puissant applicant for jobs, or government boodle for his constituents he has no equal. For a hold-up of Uncle Sam the First could have no better man in congress. His latest request is for a federal judge for his new federal court at Greeneville. No doubt his asking facilities are exerted to their utmost for the effect on his race for re-election. The Second district is allowed to gather up some of the crumbs which fall from his table, while our own doughty representative is so busy writing letters to Jones' Cove that he forgets the existence of the Tennessee and French Broad rivers. We hear that Judge Campbell is an awfully nice sort of a judge, and we are sure he is doing right in not resigning that nice little judicial office, which the legislature left him.—Knoxville Sentinel.

ODE TO KENTUCKY.
Land of the useless element
In brook and spring unstated,
Where thirst in bourbon finds egress,
And all thy streams are wasted.
Land of the "Karned" and the ass;
Of high-bred mads and bosses,
Of blooded bulls and tall blue-grass—
Of mountaineers and bosses.
Land of "the dark and bloody ground,"
Land of the deadly feud,
How sweet the murderous rifle's sound
Rings from thy covert wood!
Thy mountaineers on vengeance bent,
With nerves of steel unshaken,
Are brave—when some rude battlement
Protects their own sweet bacon!
But in the open warfare's tug,
"Mid battle's devastation,
A corn-cob and lightning bug
Would scare them from creation!
Far distant that degenerate age
When courage shall nerve the weak,
Or valor inspire 'in assassin's rage,
Or flush his dastard cheek!
Kentucky! shall thy lustrious past
But mark how great the fall,
And o'er thy coffin glory cast
A darker funeral pall!
Arise, Kentucky, from thy shame,
Break from thy galling chains,
Shake foul dishonor from thy name,
Wash out its bloody stains.
Let Justice see with unveiled eye,
Unsheathe her avenging blade,
And let her smite till crime shall die
And in the dust be laid.—Parker Jones.

GOVERNOR McMILLIN
Will Declare Himself to the People March 5.
Nashville, Feb. 11.—Gov. McMillin was seen tonight and asked: "Have you anything to say for publication as to your intention in regard to the gubernatorial and senatorial contests, and your aspirations?"

"At the request of some friends in Giles county," Gov. McMillin replied, "I will go there and make a speech at Paducah on the first Monday in March, giving an account of my stewardship as governor. In the speech I will also take occasion to express to the people of the state my intentions in regard to the gubernatorial and senatorial questions."

It has been known by parties posted upon state political matters for the past several days that the governor has made up his mind and that he would give out an interview stating his position or else declare himself in an address, as he has several invitations to speak at different points.

The address will be delivered at Paducah on March 5, the opening day for the term of county court. That Gov. McMillin will announce for re-election is not doubted in the least. There has been an impression in certain circles, especially among the friends of Judge Snodgrass, that the governor would make the race for governor, running at the same time for the senate, but all such ideas may be dispelled.

A close personal and political friend of Governor McMillin said to a reporter tonight: "If the governor announces that he will stand for re-election, as we all expect he will, it is not, and will not be the idea of making a double-barreled race, as has been charged from certain quarters. It stands to reason that such a thing would be impossible, because, if Messrs. Carmack and Snodgrass are the only candidates in the field for the senate, they will make the canvass rather warm and the result will be that the members of the legislature will be committed and support one or the other."

"There is every indication that there will be a set of Carmack and a set of Snodgrass candidates in each county in the state, and for the governor to win over enough of these legislators to elect him senator, even should he desire to do so, would be out of the question."

BROWNLOW'S BILL
Washington, Feb. 13.—The house committee on pensions has made a favorable report on the bill introduced by Representative Brownlow, granting pensions to the East Tennessee bridge burners. The bill is as follows:

That the secretary of the interior be and he is hereby authorized and directed to place on the pension rolls, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the names of all the men now surviving and widows of those who have died, or may hereafter die, who on or about the 8th day of Nov. 1861, under the authority of Gen. Geo. H. Thomas, burned or attempted to burn various bridges on the line of railroad between Stevenson, Ala., and Bristol, and to pay to each of said men a pension at the rate of \$30 a month, and to each of said widows a pension at the rate of \$12 a month; provided that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to entitle any of said persons to more than one pension.

Our Bob's Habitation.
Yesterday, says the Nashville Banner, accepting as true reports originating in Knoxville, we stated that Bob Taylor had decided to make his residence in that city. The report may be correct, but here comes another report from Dallas, Tex., to the effect that "Our Bob" contemplates buying a farm and taking up a permanent residence near that city. A Dallas correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat reports him as saying:

"Next to my own home in the hills of old Tennessee, I love Texas. I am particularly attached to the section of which Dallas is the capital. It is as fertile as any in the world, and peopled by as splendid men and women as ever the Creator produced. I have two boys for whom I wish to buy land. If I had had sense enough to keep out of politics I might have owned thousands of acres now. These boys are like their daddy—want to spend money as fast as it comes in—and I wish to leave them something that they will retain. I know of no place under heaven better to start life in than here in Texas."

Don't Neglect the Teeth.

A dentist whose practice has been for many years largely among persons who would commonly be called "of a refined and cultured class," finds the neglect of cleanliness of the mouth among children of such persons most astonishing. "These children are being trained in all the arts and sciences," says he, "yet in one school where there were 700 pupils, 500 of them from 10 to 18 years of age, only fifteen cleaned their teeth twice a day, 275 used a brush sometimes, and 175 did not own a toothbrush. In the primary department, where there were 200 children from 6 to 10 years of age, it was found that not more than ten were provided with toothbrushes." Further inquiry and investigation showed that this school was not an exception in the matter. Dr. Bitter, of Berlin, found that of 637 persons, 400 of whom were under 15 years of age, only 41, or a trifle more than 5 per cent, had perfectly sound teeth. How a child will suffer from mortification in after years if the parents have neglected this most important matter.

Modern research demonstrates that the real cause of the decay of the teeth is the presence of bacilli or bacteria germs, and that a dentifrice should be of sufficient antiseptic quality to destroy such germs.

Prof. Victor C. Vaughan, the Head of the Medical College, of the University of Michigan, one of the best known chemists in the United States, who made

AN ANALYSIS OF MYRRH TOOTH SOAP, says: "I have made a study of the germicidal properties of Myrrh Tooth Soap and I find that when it is thoroughly used two or three times a day it disinfects the mouth, destroying those germs which are supposed to cause dental caries."

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FROM WATAUGA.

Watauga, Tenn., Feb. 13, 1900.

EDITH COMET:
E. C. Cottle, of Woburn, Mass., representative of the American hide and leather company, was here last week. Mrs. R. S. Bolton and W. J. Miller, of Johnson City, have been called here several times to see Mrs. D. N. Reese who is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. R. B. McCollum and children, of Newmansville, Tenn., have been visiting Mrs. McCollum's father, J. C. Robertson and other relatives here. Miss Ida Dempsey, of Johnson City, has been visiting her cousin, Miss Cordie Larimer.

J. W. Erwin of the Home Picture Co., of Bristol, was here last week on business for his house.

Rev. D. O. Baldwin filled his regular appointment here last Sunday.

An epidemic of grip and pneumonia is prevailing in and around this place; almost half of our people are unable to attend to their regular business.

Mrs. W. T. Buckner came from Elizabethton last night in answer to a telegram, to see her sister Mrs. D. N. Reese.

VIOLET.

PUBLIC HIGHWAY REPAIRS.

SEALED BIDS FOR THE WORK WANTED.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will receive sealed bids for keeping in repair and working the public roads and highways of the county during the current year, for thirty days from this date. The roads and public highways to be let and kept up have been classified and the mileage of the several sections estimated as follows:

First District—Four sections 2nd class, fourteen miles; two sections 3rd class, six miles; four sections 4th class, eight and one-half miles.

Second District—Three sections 2nd class, eleven miles; two sections 3rd class, five miles; seven sections 4th class, seventeen and one-half miles.

Third District—Eight sections 2nd class, twenty and three-fourths miles; three sections 3rd class, eight and one-half miles.

Fourth District—Four sections 2nd class, eight and one-fourth miles; four sections 3rd class, nine and three-fourth miles; three sections 4th class, nine and one-half miles.

Fifth District—Four sections 2nd class, ten and three-fourths miles; two sections 3rd class, three miles; six sections 4th class, ten and three-fourth miles.

Sixth District—Three sections 2nd class, two and one-half miles; one section 3rd class, two and one-fourth miles.

Seventh District—Seven sections 2nd class, seventeen and three-fourth miles; five sections 3rd class, six and three-fourth miles; three sections 4th class, two and one-half miles.

Eighth District—Five sections 2nd class, ten and one-fourth miles; four sections 3rd class, thirteen and three-fourth miles.

Ninth District—Three sections 2nd class, — miles; eight sections 3rd class, — miles.

Tenth District—Three sections 2nd class, ten and one-half miles; seven sections 3rd class, nineteen and one-half miles.

Eleventh District—Four sections 2nd class, twelve and one-fourth miles; six sections 3rd class, twenty and one-fourth miles; two sections 4th class, five and one-half miles.

Twelfth District—Eight sections 2nd class, fourteen and three-fourth miles; five sections 3rd class, eight and one-fourth miles.

Thirteenth District—Two sections 2nd class, three and one-half miles; nine sections 3rd class, twenty-five and three-fourth miles.

Fourteenth District—One section 2nd class, three and one-half miles; eight sections 3rd class, twenty-eight miles; ten sections 4th class, twenty-four and one-half miles.

Fifteenth District—Five sections 1st class, sixteen miles; two sections 2nd class, two miles; six sections 3rd class, eight miles; three sections 4th class, four and one-fourth miles.

Sixteenth District—Three sections 2nd class, five and one-half miles; six sections 3rd class, eleven miles; one section 4th class, two miles.

Seventeenth District—One section 2nd class, three and one-half miles; nine sections 3rd class, twenty-six and one-half miles; three sections 4th class, four and one-half miles.

Eighteenth District—Four sections 2nd class, eleven and one-half miles; three sections 3rd class, four and one-half miles.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS.
I. No bid for a less portion of said roads than are contained in an entire civil district, will be accepted.

II. No bid will be accepted involving the payment of a larger amount of money than the new taxes belonging to the civil district in which the work is to be done, inclusive of the labor tax.

III. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

IV. All bids must be in writing, and must specify the district which they are meant to apply, and each will be construed to be construed to cover all the roads, highways and bridges in said district, which the law under the classification of the County Court requires to be worked.

V. Each contractor will be required to execute bond with good solvent security in a sum double the value of the money and labor tax in the district covered by his bid; said bond to be conditioned so as to bind the contractor to work, grade and keep in repair the roads bid for, in the time, manner and way specified in the statutes for each class of road.

VI. Bids should be signed by the bidder and should designate (where same can be done) who are to become surety on the bond; and should be sealed and addressed to the undersigned at Jonesboro; and on the back of the envelope the following: "Bid for public work."

The mileage of the several roads above given are only estimated, and may vary in instances from the true length of the various roads and sections; but this is a matter regarding which each bidder must take care to inform himself, as in no case will allowance be made for excess of mileage, but the contractor will be required to work the entire length in each instance, be it what it may.

Bidders are specially requested to examine the list or schedule of record in the office of the County Court Clerk, where a definite description of each section and subsection is kept open for inspection.

Jonesboro, Tenn., Jan. 16, 1900.
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